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According to the bound files of this newspaper, the first issues came out in January, 1892. That means that with January, 1959, we are beginning our 67th year of publication. We have not checked all of the older files, but during the present ownership, which began in 1931, the paper has never missed an issue—52 issues each year. We confess to being proud of that record, and of our claim to being the oldest continuous business in Appomattox County. And most pleasant of all is the fact that there are still a few subscribers who have been with us all of these 67 years.

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A VOICE FOR DEMOCRACY

The Committee For Constitutional Government — an organization formed in the 1920's during the absolute high noon of the Roosevelt era to fight the Supreme Court packing bill — has issued a stirring call for defeat of the effort to strike down Rule 22 of the U. S. Senate.

It has mailed out thousands of booklets, "Needed Now—Capacity For Leadership, Courage To Lead," with a prologue and epilogue by the greatly respected and admired chairman of the Committee for Constitutional Government, Norman Vincent Peale.

Executive Secretary of the Committee, Edward A. Rumely, recently wrote the following warning to the editors of the country. We think it is worth passing on to our readers:

"It has been announced that on the opening day of the New Congress an effort will be made to break down Rule XXII in the Senate. Never in the history of the country has the right of unlimited debate prevented the Senate from ultimately taking any action which the majority of Senators was determined to take. It has at times postponed action.

"You will find an interesting discussion on this in the Wall Street Journal (December 4th) entitled, "Brake on Haste." In conclusion, it says: 'This right to dampen hasty action is a virtue we ought not to throw away carelessly out of an impatience with rules that sometimes put a brake on haste. For no man can know upon what day, or in the heat of what angry issue, he too may be grateful that a single Senator can stand up alone and have his unsilenced say.'

"It would be tragic if Rule XXII is amended to prevent full discussion of an issue .... It would be helpful if the story of this important struggle could be told to your readers and across the country."

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PRICING CARS OUT OF THE MARKET

An economic expert recently said annual wage increases for organized workers (and unorganized w orkers) in the automobile industry, plus inflation, would inevitably price American automobiles out of the world market. The problem is serious enough, and this probability is near enough, to justify serious consideration of this issue by every thinking American.

A great bugaboo has been created in the minds of many Americans by those who see in labor-saving machinery a threat to the American worker. But in the hundred years of industrialization in the United States, America has always been able to provide more jobs when productive efficiency is increased, per working man, even though in a particular industry fewer workers might be able to do the same amount of work.

The government has the responsibility of holding inflation within bounds, but it cannot be held responsible for accomplishing this task if labor and management will not cooperate. Since World War II, the record in this regard is not encouring and if the next thirteen years produce the same results as the past, the U. S. automobile industry will lose a major share of the world market it now possesses.

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LITTLE THINGS

Women often are heard to say "it's the little things that count." And, in our opinion, the little things are often underrated by many of us. Have you ever thought how worthwhile a smile every morning is? Or some little thing you might do for someone each day — this can change your whole life. And even if you do not know that life usually returns your kindnesses at a later stage, nonetheless these little considerations make life a better thing—and lift one's spirits.

The Boy Scouts and their good deed each day have a wonderful motto. Do you, each day, do someone a good turn, to lighten the daily grind and cheer them up just a bit? Try it. You'll find you feel better at the end of the day.

And in dealing with members of your family, who live in the same house, there is a rule which can be of great value to you all through life. It is not original with the editor —it came from a far more accomplished person. It is this: treat your husband or wife, or other members of your intimate family as nicely as you would treat a total stranger you might meet.

This sounds strange but think it over. If we always treated our husband, or wife, as cordially and considerately as we would treat a total stranger, we would sometimes get along better and life would be a little sweeter, the home just a little more rewarding.

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THE WORLD CALENDAR

One of the fondest hopes of mankind is for a modern calendar. In recent years there has been a movement afoot to have the United Nations adopt—or recommend— a world calendar, which countries would adopt simultaneously.

It would constitute a tremendous step forward for the people of the world and the advantages would be many. Yet no violence would be done to the traditional customs, days of celebration and holidays. But instead of falling on different days each year, as many do, they would always come on the same day.

Holidays, such as New Year's in the United States, and others which change each year, would fall, always on Mondays. That would provide a long week-end for millions, which could be utilized, depended on, and planned for.

From the business standpoint the savings which could be effected in bookkeeping, billing, and accountng, would be tremendous. Each month —in the proposed calendar—would have an equal number of working days. There would be no 28-day month and there would be a new world holiday—to be celebrated by people all over the world.

From almost every angle, the new world calendar would be a step forward. Christmas would still always fall on the 25th and New Year's Day on the 1st—but they would come on the same day each year and not move forward a day each year.

Washington Notes

Senator Seeks Prohibition

Washington.- Senator Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, will sponsor again in this session of Congress his much-maligned bill to prohibit the service of alcoholic beverages on airplanes.

Thurmond has been pushing legislation of this nature since first coming to Washington, but thus far, it has been consistently torpedoed, never reaching the Senate floor for action.

Funds Run Out

Washington, In an anti-recession move in 1958, Congress voted one billion dollars to buy mortgages on homes costing $13,500 or less. The idea was to encourage building of lower priced homes.

Those funds have run out. Efforts will be made in this session to get more money for this purpose. The Eisenhower administration - which fought the legislation last spring - is likely to do so again.

Bomb Plant Assets

Washington.- The Atomic Energy Commission announced in its 1958 report that the total Plant and Equipment assets of its Savannah River H-Bomb Plant now totals $1,-224,606,000.

Plywood Shipments Low

Washington.- Shipment of domestic hardwood plywood this year continued to decline, according to a release by the Forest Products Division of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The downward trend, which started in 1955, is expected to continue through 1959. The report says the decline is due primarily to greatly increasing imports which exceed domestic production.

Population Rises

Washington.- Census figures indicate that the population of the United States as a whole is doubling every 40 years. Recent birth rates indicate, however, that the non-white population is doubling each generation, or about every 33 years.

Fewer Lemons, More Oranges

Washington.- The Agriculture Department forecasts higher production of oranges, and tangerines, and grapefruit, but smaller crops of lemons and limes.

Concept of Ice Age

Washington.- A revolutionary new concept of the Ice Age depicted one great glacier that temporarily buckled the upper United States to great depths.

Dr. Richard J. Lougee, of Clark University, Worchester, Mass., offered the idea.

He said there is evidence to support a theory that much of the top half of the country was temporally depressed to depths up to 2,000 feet by a massively heavy ice sheet.

VIRGINIA GROUP TO TOUR CARIBBEAN

Norfolk.- A large party of Virginians will visit ports in the Caribbean and in Central America during a 15-day cruise which leaves Norfolk on Thursday, January 22, 1959.

Michael M. Mora, president of the Virginia Cruise Corporation, the tour sponsor, announced that the S. S. Maasdam, of the Holland-America Line, has been engaged. The Maasdam will depart from Norfolk at 9 P. M. on the evening of January 22, and will return to Norfolk on February 6 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The itinerary will include visits to Curacao, in the Nethelands East Indies; Cristobal, Canal Zone port city; Havana, Cuba's capital, and Nassau, in the Bahamas. Overnight stops are scheduled for Cristobal and Havana and there will be shore tours at all ports, Mr. Mora stated.

Designed to encourage ocean passenger travel through Virginia's ports, this cruise is jointly sponsored by the Norfolk Ports Authority, the Norfolk Twins's First Street Businessmen's Association, and the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce in Richmond, Mr. Mora said.

Size of Poultry Units Affects Efficiency

How large should a poultry enterprise be for top efficiency? Dr. Arthur T. Ringrose, poultry specialist at VPI, says that when poultry is to be one of the main enterprises to take from 1-4 to 1-2 the labor of one man, the minimum sized unit should be: 10,000 broilers (in each of four flocks per year), or 1,000 layers or breeders plus the raising of replacements, or 2,000 turkeys (roasters, one flock per year, and boriler turkeys, two or more flocks per year).

If the poultry business is to be full time for the labor of one man, the minimum sized unit should be: 30,000 broilers (in each of four flocks per year), or 4,000 layers plus the raising of replacements, or 5,000 turkeys (one flock of roasters, or two or more flocks of broilers per year).

Dr. Ringrose says the part-time poultryman may find it necessary to increase the size of his operation for improved efficiency.

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Second: You save money. Even in prosperous times, thrift is important as a factor in deciding where to trade. You save the expense of long trips when you deal at home; you also save time as well as cash. Competitively, Appomattox can and does match the best offered anywhere. Your local business has nationally known commodities, at competitve prices. Your local institutions meet the standards of their category. Look the world over, and you will find that the best deal was *at home!*

Third: When you deal at home you help home-town business to support local causes such as churches and civic improvement programs, and local taxes to meet the expense of local government. The tax burden is heavy on the home-town business. It cannot be met without your support. The contribution of your home-town businessman to the welfare of the community is a substantial one. He needs and merits your patronage to make America strong at its grass roots in this atomic age of rockets and tension.

Fourth: You are a member of a team. Teamwork means that there are many mutual problems. Your problem is like that of your neighbor and your neighborhood businessman often can give you special help in working with you to solve it. Advice, service, friendly interest— these are important cogs in the machinery of modern living. Your local bank, utility, auto dealer, timber merchant, and your local payroll is something real and next door! Your job and your neighbor's job is at stake in maintaining prosperity in your home community. It is a fine thing to play on the community team and know that you are vital part of the over-all effort which makes you proud of where you live, where you work, and where you spend your money.

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